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SUBJECT: SLOVENIA CONSIDERING FURTHER CONTRIBUTION TO THE

TRUST FUND FOR NTM-I

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11. (C) On May 24, PolMiloff delivered reftel demarche to MFA's NATO Department Head, Zorica Bukinac Cimpersek. Cimpersek said that the MFA and MOD had sent a proposal to the government (cabinet) for Slovenia to donate 50,000 Euro to the Trust Fund for NTM-I. Cimpersek stressed that this was still a proposal and that it had not yet been approved by the government. She also opined that the Trust Fund for NTM-I was not very "transparent" and that it was not clear exactly how Slovenia's donation would be spent. Cimpersek claimed that this lack of transparency made it more difficult to "sell" the proposal to the government. Cimpersek stressed, however, that the Slovenian donation would not have any restrictions or caveats. She also expressed optimism that the GOS would adopt the proposal before the June ministerial.